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M U N I C I P A L O R D I N A N C E

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N O T I C E

Given the scarcity of precipitation and the Emergency II situation faced by the Darnius-Boadella unit to which our municipality belongs, in accordance with Decree Law 1/2023 of February 28, 2023, of the Generalitat de Catalunya, establishing extraordinary and urgent measures to address the exceptional drought situation in the river basin district in Catalonia, taking into account the Drought Plan approved by Government Agreement 1/2020 of January 8 by the Department of Territory and Sustainability of the Generalitat de Catalunya, and considering the provisions of the Regulation of the municipal water supply service of the municipality of Castelló d'Empúries (BOP Girona No. 77 of April 20, 2018), this City Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by law, is compelled to order the following water-saving measures:

First

The use of drinking water from the public supply network is prohibited in the following cases:

Regarding the irrigation of green areas and public and private gardens:

- The use of water for the irrigation of gardens and green areas, both public and private, is prohibited. Only the use of non-drinking water from the municipal water supply network for irrigation (therefore, they must be either regenerated or groundwater, provided that in the latter case it is verified through a hydrogeological assessment that it does not result in a reduction of water availability for domestic supply) is allowed when justified for the survival of trees.



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Regarding the filling of pools:

- The total or partial filling of any type of pool is prohibited, except for seawater pools that are filled and emptied without connection to supply or sanitation networks.

Regarding vehicle cleaning:

- Cleaning any type of vehicle is prohibited, except when cleaning is carried out in commercial vehicle cleaning establishments equipped with water recirculation systems.

Regarding the cleaning of streets and urban furniture:

- Cleaning streets, sewers, pavements, facades, and similar with drinking water is prohibited, whether public or private, unless the cleaning is the result of an accident or fire, or there is a health or road safety risk. In these circumstances, cleaning should be done with the minimum amount of water necessary.
- Cleaning shop windows and windows with a bucket and sponge is allowed.

Regarding ornamental fountains:

- The total or partial filling of ornamental fountains, artificial lakes, and other elements of aesthetic water use is prohibited.

Regarding farms:

- The use of water from the drinking water supply network is limited to the quantities necessary for the watering and cleaning of animals, as well as for cleaning the premises. For this latter use, only the indispensable quantities to maintain sanitary conditions should be used, and only if there is no alternative source, exclusively through pressure cleaning systems or other equivalent methods.

Regarding dust elimination in the air:

- The use of water, both from the network and from groundwater, for the elimination of dust and suspended matter in the air is prohibited.



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Regarding the irrigation of sports facilities (federated or not) that require the use of network water (natural or artificial grass football fields, cricket fields, rugby fields, motocross tracks, etc.).

- The use of network water for irrigating any type of sports field (federated or not), whether in facilities where the playing field is grass (artificial or natural) or those with another type of terrain (clay, soil, sand, etc.), is prohibited. Only reclaimed or groundwater can be used for irrigation –provided that in the latter case it is confirmed through a hydrogeological assessment that it does not result in a reduction of water availability for domestic supply– for those fields designated for federated sports practice.
- Total closure of showers in sports facilities is mandatory.

On the other hand, all drinking water fountains in the municipality will be closed to prevent misuse of water.

The Mayor, the Presidency, or the equivalent executive body may take the necessary and appropriate measures, determining limiting allocations for each type of use dependent on the network, pressure reductions, or timed supply cuts, providing immediate communication to the Plenary, the Assembly, or the equivalent collegiate body.

Second

It is reminded that, for the common good, the Drought Plan approved by Government Agreement 1/2020 of January 8 by the Department of Territory and Sustainability of the Generalitat de Catalunya stipulates that, in an Emergency II situation, the total volumes of water entering the municipal reservoir for the population's supply cannot exceed 180 liters per inhabitant and day (including economic and commercial activities); therefore, it is estimated that the water consumption per person in households is around 90 liters per day.

Third

As for the percentage reductions for each type of use compared to water consumption in the normal phase, the following table will be followed:



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TYPE OF USE	EMERGENCY PHASE
Agricultural irrigation	80% reduction
Livestock use	50% reduction
Industrial uses	25% reduction
Recreational uses involving irrigation	Forbidden
Other recreational uses	25% reduction

These allocations can be complemented with regenerated waters from wastewater treatment plants, at the expense of the user, provided that there is availability of flows.

Fourth

Regarding the prohibitions and/or restrictions of the first, second, and third measures of this Municipal Ordinance, the Local Police and municipal inspectors will draw up a report for those concerned and will instruct sanctioning procedures to impose, if necessary, the corresponding sanctions, in accordance with the typification established by the Regulation of the municipal water supply service of the municipality of Castelló d'Empúries.

Fifth

The measures established in this Municipal Ordinance do not affect the water consumption from the network by health centers or other singular establishments for reasons of public interest.

Sixth

The Town Hall phone - 972 250 426 - will attend to inquiries related to the above provisions and will appreciate any information on water loss or misuse.

This Town Hall calls on the citizens of the municipality of Castelló d'Empúries to ensure compliance with these rules out of responsibility and solidarity.

The Mayor

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